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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  
FY 2008**

(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)

Docket Number (Optional)

SPINE 3.0-437 CIPCIPCIPCIPCIPCIP

Application Number 10/782,981-Conf. #7131

Filed February 20, 2004

For **WEDGE RAMP DISTRACTOR AND RELATED METHODS FOR USE IN IMPLANTING  
ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS**

Art Unit 3738

Examiner B. E. Pellegrino

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$460	\$230	\$ _____
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☒ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 12-1095. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 58,653

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.

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